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The foregoing documents came to Applicant's attention during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application.

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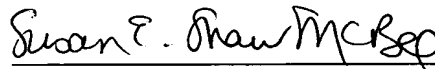
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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed document be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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